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January 15, 1999

Mr. M. Reddemann
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Point Beach Nuclear Plant
6610 Nuclear Road
Two Rivers, WI 54241

SUBJECT: POINT BEACH INSPECTION REPORT 50-266/98021(DRP);
50-301/98021(DRP) AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Reddemann:

On January 4, 1999, the NRC completed an inspection at your Point Beach 1 and 2 reactor facilities. The enclosed inspection report presents the results of that inspection.

During this inspection period, Unit 2 was safely shut down for a scheduled refueling outage. Maintenance activities were conducted in a quality manner, commensurate with the safety significance of the work and effective in restoring safety-related equipment to service with minimal out-of-service time. The NRC also noted conservative, risk-based decision-making regarding the approval and installation of a Unit 2 safety injection system modification; thereby reducing your plant's vulnerability to core damage from a loss of coolant accident.

Resident inspector observations during this inspection identified the need for you to continue to focus attention on resolving material condition issues, operator workarounds, procedure adherence issues, and configuration control. You have had and continue to have many station program improvement initiatives to address weaknesses in these areas and your recognition of the need for improvement is commendable. However, the lack of success in resolving long-standing problems in these areas is of concern. Although no negative safety consequences occurred, these observations indicate a need for you to focus on driving your improvement initiatives to a successful and timely closure.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation, and the circumstances surrounding the violation are described in the enclosed report. Although it was licensee-identified, the violation is being cited because of its repetitive nature and because it was a violation that could reasonably be expected to have been prevented by corrective action for a previous finding.

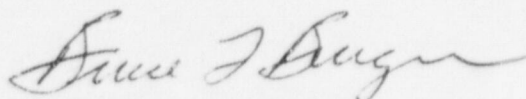
The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violation, and the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violation and prevent recurrence is already adequately addressed on the docket in Inspection Report 50-266/98019(DRP); 50-301/98019(DRP), Licensee Event Report 50-266/98028, and the enclosed report. Therefore, you are not required to respond to this letter unless the description therein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to provide additional information, you should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,



Bruce L. Burgess, Chief
Reactor Projects Branch 7

Docket Nos.: 50-266; 50-301
License Nos.: DPR-24, DPR-27

Enclosures: 1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report 50-266/98021(DRP);
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